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SUMMARY25 YEAR
RE-REVIEW

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I. Implementation

25X1 1. In 1950 it became evident that the major communications activity at [redacted] was inadequate and unsatisfactory since it was located in a highly industrialized area. Surveys conducted by CIA communications personnel from Headquarters established the [redacted] Base as the most desirable site for the relocation of this activity. 25X1

25X1 2. In September 1950, a survey of the [redacted] Bases was made and preliminary negotiations were undertaken with the Air Force. However, before a formal agreement could be reached, a tactical unit was deployed [redacted] Accordingly, the ability to implement the proposed plan became dependent on a re-survey of the situation there as well as at the [redacted] (see TS-158075, dated 2 January 1951; From: Deputy [redacted]) 25X1

25X1 3. A new survey of the [redacted] Bases was completed on 22 February 1951. This survey revealed that sufficient land area on which to establish a CIA Radio Base Station was available within these two areas.

25X1 4. TS-57373, dated 29 April 1951, is a directive from [redacted] authorizing the establishment of the CIA Base Radio Station [redacted] 25X1

25X1 5. In memorandum from Hqs. [redacted] dated 8 June 1951, [redacted] agreed to perform specific services in connection with the project on an appropriation reimbursement plan. 25X1

25X1 6. *In a memorandum to the DD/P, dated 12 June 1951, [redacted] then Chief, Communications Division, informed DD/P of the impossibility of obtaining formal agreements assuring long-term rights for property required for [redacted] Therefore, should it eventually become necessary to relocate the facility, the major portion of the Agency's investment could not be salvaged. However, [redacted] stated it was considered necessary to take a calculated risk and proceed with the project. The DD/P's concurrence was requested. 25X1

25X1 7. On 26 June 1951, the DCI, Walter B. Smith, approved the PRC action (OSO-Commo-16-52) for project [redacted] This approval was given on the condition [redacted] 25X1

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8. *TS-62173, dated 9 July 1951, and *TS-43965, dated 11 May 1951, are memorandums from the General Counsel to the DD/P concerning [redacted]

[redacted] In a memorandum for the record, dated 19 July 1951, [redacted] stated that State believed CIA could control [redacted] for at least five years, *TS-62271. In a memo to the D/CO--TS-62270, 27 July 1951--the General Counsel stated that he told the PRC he felt we had adequate protection to justify expenditure for installation of facilities.

9. Upon receipt of a memorandum for the GC, the limitation as stated in paragraph 7 above was removed and the project was re-approved on 27 July 1951.

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As shown, these figures did not include money for dependent housing which it later appeared CIA would have to provide. In dispatch [redacted] dated 18 October 1951, preliminary estimates for such housing were sent to Headquarters. After careful study, however, it was found that the \$350,000 already approved would be sufficient to cover all construction. Therefore, on March 7, 1952 the PRC approved a change within the project authorizing the D/CO to apply \$125,000, already allocated to this project, to essential housing now previously included.

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a. Construction should be authorized in the form of a directive amendment to project [redacted]

b. This amendment should include a statement of ownership, use and ultimate disposal.

c. Housing for six (6) dependent families will be allotted for CIA personnel.

d. Authorization for the BOQ unit should be sent immediately.

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